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Re: Comment on "Developing a Draft Preferred Program  
Alternative"

Dear Sirs:

Upon review of the August 5, 1998 Draft titled "Developing a Draft Preferred Program Alternative" we noted on page four in the second sentence of the paragraph titled "Levee System Integrity" reference to "settlers building levees to turn tidal marshes into agricultural land." The sentence should be corrected by replacing the words "tidal marshes" with the words "swamp and overflowed lands."

The only lands on which settlers could gain title were those patented as "swamp and overflowed" lands. This meant they were subject to periodic overflow but not to daily tidal flooding. Lands which were subject to tidal immersion were patented under a separate classification and not available for reclamation by private parties.

Your report should be corrected to reflect this distinction since it provides an erroneous description of the lands reclaimed for agricultural uses.

Sincerely,



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